

Remarks

Claims 13, 33, 44-63 and 69-126 are in the application, of which claims 13, 33, 44, 46, 54, 57, 62, 69, 72, 75, 83, 86, and 124 are in independent form. Claims 13, 44-63 and 69-87 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice, in response to the June 22, 2005 Office action requiring restriction. Claims 1-12, 14-32, 34-43, and 64-68 are cancelled, without prejudice, in response to the June 22, 2005 Office action. Applicant reserves the right to re-file any of the cancelled or withdrawn claims, either in a divisional application or, upon allowance of a linking claim, in the present application.

New claims 88-123 depend from claim 33. New independent claim 124 is a system claim that recites means-plus-function elements corresponding to the method steps of claim 33. New claims 125 and 126 depend from claim 124.

Without narrowing its scope, claim 33 is amended to eliminate unnecessary "step for" language and to expressly indicate that the succeeding registration is effected automatically. Withdrawn claim 63 is amended to correct a numbering error.

Response to Restriction Requirement


In response to the Office action dated June 22, 2005 requiring restriction, applicant elects the subject matter of Group IV (Claim 33) for examination, without traverse.

New system claim 124, written in means-plus-function format, is a linking claim as between method claims and system claims for practicing the method. MPEP § 809.03. Should claim 124 be found allowable, applicant requests the opportunity to rejoin linked claims and to add further claims depending from claim 124.

Applicant presents the claims for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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